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### EDUCATION

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<b>Ph.D. Ecology</b> , University of Alberta	2016
<b>M.S. Marine Science</b> , Moss Landing Marine Laboratories, CSU Monterey Bay	2010
<b>B.S. Biological Sciences, B.A. Chemistry</b> , CSU East Bay	2007

### PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

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Assistant Professor (San Jose State University/MLML)	2019 - present
Postdoctoral Fellow (Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute)	2018-2019
Postdoctoral Researcher (University of Alberta)	2016-2018

### PUBLICATIONS

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See Google Scholar profile for a complete, up-to-date list, including citation indices: <https://scholar.google.ca/citations?hl=en&user=Cq1iucAAAAJ>. Advised student co-authors are underlined.

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## GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

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- 2022-2023 Elkhorn Slough Foundation. Elkhorn Slough Tidal Marsh Restoration: Phase III (\$280,000). PI: Luke Gardner (MLML/CA Sea Grant Extension), Co-PIs: Michael Graham & Amanda Kahn (MLML/San Jose State University).
- 2022-2023 (Pending) California Sea Grant (R/SFA-11). Using energetics and metabolism to enhance Olympia oyster aquaculture and outplanting success (\$59,877). PI: Amanda Kahn (MLML/San Jose State University). Co-PIs: Luke Gardner (MLML/CA Sea Grant Extension), Kerstin Wasson (Elkhorn Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve) + Cash match from CSU COAST (\$29,974).
- 2020-2021\* SJSU Level-Up Grant. Poriferal Vision: Using past records and machine learning to predict the future winners of climate change (\$19,671). PI: Amanda Kahn (MLML/SJSU). Co-PIs: Philip Heller (SJSU), Ivano Aiello (MLML/SJSU).  
\*6-month no-cost extension into 2022 due to COVID-19 delays
- 2019-2021\* California Sea Grant (R/MPA-48). Monitoring and evaluation of mid-depth rocky reef ecosystems in the MLPA marine protected area (~\$606,000 to MLML [\$2.4 M total]). Lead PI is Richard Starr (MLML/San Jose State University); Co-PIs Jennifer Caselle (UC Santa Barbara), Andrew Lauermann (Marine Applied

Research and Exploration), James Lindholm (CSU Monterey Bay), and Brian Tissot (Humboldt State University).

\*Grant extended to 2022 with additional funds

## **PRESENTATIONS**

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**Conference Presentations** (\* indicates presentations that won awards) († indicates interruptions by events surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic)

### 2022

Aquaculture 2022, San Diego, CA (1 talk done by graduate student J Harris)

### 2021

† Deep-Sea Biology Symposium, virtual (1 talk done by collaborator)

† Association for the Sciences of Limnology and Oceanography, summer meeting, special invited session, virtual (1 talk)

† Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology (SICB), virtual (2 talks)

### 2020

† Western Society of Naturalists, virtual (1 poster, done by collaborator)

† International Congress on Invertebrate Morphology (ICIM), Vienna, Austria (1 talk, done by collaborator)

† International Symposium on Methodologies for Intelligent Systems (ISMIS), Graz, Austria (1 talk, done by collaborator's student)

Ocean Sciences Meeting, San Diego, California (3 posters, all done by collaborators)

SICB, Austin, Texas (1 talk)

### 2019

International Deep Sea Coral Symposium, Cartagena, Colombia (1 talk, 1 poster, both presented by collaborators)

SICB, Tampa, Florida (1 invited symposium talk, 1 poster)

### 2018

Canadian Meteorological and Oceanographic Society, Halifax, Nova Scotia (poster)

Association for the Sciences of Limnology and Oceanography summer meeting, Victoria, British Columbia (poster)

Ocean Sciences Meeting, Portland, Oregon (oral presentation)

SICB, San Francisco, California (2 talks)

### 2017

Institute of Geophysical Research Symposium, Edmonton, Alberta (talk)

World Sponge Conference, Galway, Ireland (speed talk, 2 posters)

SICB, New Orleans, Louisiana (poster)

R.E. Peter Biology Conference, Edmonton, Alberta (talk\*)

### 2016

SICB, Portland, Oregon (talk, poster)

### 2015

Canadian Society of Zoologists, Calgary, Alberta (talk)

SICB, West Palm Beach, Florida (talk\*, poster)

### 2014

Ocean Sciences Meeting, Honolulu, Hawaii (poster)

### 2013

World Sponge Conference, Fremantle, Australia (talk\*, poster)

Northwest Developmental Biology Meeting, Friday Harbor, Washington (talk)  
SICB, San Francisco, California (talk)

#### 2012

Graduate Residence Research Conference, Edmonton, Alberta (poster\*)  
Northwest Developmental Biology Meeting, Friday Harbor, Washington (poster)

#### 2010

World Sponge Conference, Girona, Spain (talk)  
Deep-Sea Biology Symposium, Reykjavik, Iceland (poster)  
Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Currents Symposium (poster)

#### 2008

Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Currents Symposium (poster\*)  
Ocean Sciences Meeting, Orlando, Florida (talk)

#### 2007

Society of Wetland Scientists annual meeting, Sacramento, California (talk)

#### 2006

American Chemical Society National Conference, San Francisco, California (poster)

### **Invited Presentations**

Kahn, A.S. (2021). The secret lives of sponges: understanding ancient animals at their own pace. Global Biodiversity Festival, an international virtual festival (<https://www.globalbiofest.com/2021>).

Kahn, A.S. (2021). Keynote speaker for the 2021 GLOBE+ Virtual Student Research Symposium. GLOBE encourages experiential learning and scientific research in K-12 disciplines.

Kahn, A.S. (2020). The secret life of sponges: Energy flow in the deep ocean from a suspension feeder's perspective. Invited seminar to the College of Science at San Jose State University (presented virtually due to COVID-19 pandemic).

Kahn, A.S. (2020). Keynote speaker for the Globe Pacific Student Research Symposium, Elkhorn Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve. †Canceled due to COVID-19 pandemic.

Kahn, A.S. (2019). Energy flow in ecosystems from a suspension feeder's perspective. Invited departmental seminar at California State University, Monterey Bay. (May 6, 2019).

Kahn, A.S. (2019). Sustainability and the Deep Ocean. Invited TED-style lecture at GreenTalks'19, San Jose State University, San Jose, California. (April 29, 2019).

Kahn, A.S. (2019). Life, turmoil, and abundance in Monterey Bay: how we study it and what sponges have to do with it. Distinguished Lecturer oral presentation at the International Reliability Physics Symposium in Monterey, California.

Leys, S.P. and A.S. Kahn (2018). Invited team seminar at Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre.

Kahn, A.S. (2018). Sessile animals and the cost of living on the deep seafloor. Invited presentation to the Board of Directors of the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute.

Kahn, A.S. (2014). Invited seminar at Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre.

Kahn, A.S. (2013). Ecosystem services provided by glass sponge reefs. Invited presentation at a workshop led by the BC chapter of the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (CPAWS-BC).

Kahn, A.S. (2009). Expanding the toolset for studying the ecology of deep-sea sponges. Invited seminar at California State University, East Bay.

## Workshops

Invited participant at a small workshop, “Aquatic Collisions in Symbiosis”, organized by the Gordon and Betty More Foundation and the Chan-Zuckerberg Initiative. November 7, 2019, San Francisco, CA.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE (\* indicates graduate level courses)

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**Courses taught:** (at Moss Landing Marine Laboratories unless stated otherwise)

Population Biology\*  
Subtidal Ecology\* (co-instructor with Scott Hamilton and Diana Steller)  
Graduate Seminar in Marine Science  
Invertebrate Zoology  
Molecular Biological Techniques\* (co-instructor with Sarah Smith)  
Scientific Writing\*  
Marine Biology (University of Alberta)

### Guest Lecturer in University Courses:

Marine Ecology (CSUMB, MLML, Daytona State College)  
Marine Biology (University of Alberta)  
Science Communication (University of Guelph)  
Seminar & paper discussion course (Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre)  
Survey of the Invertebrates (University of Alberta, SJSU)  
Marine Ecology (MLML)

### Teaching assistantships:

Marine Biology (University of Alberta)	2014-2015
Invertebrate Zoology (University of Alberta)	2011, 2016
Marine Ecology (MLML)	2009

## MENTORING EXPERIENCE

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### Assistant Professor, Moss Landing Marine Laboratories

Advisor: 5 M.S. students (0 finished, 5 current)  
Co-advisor: 10 M.S. Students (1 finished, 9 current)  
Thesis committee member: 16 M.S. students (3 finished)  
Undergraduate mentor: 5 interns (2 REU, 2 UROC, 1 volunteer); plus 8 undergraduate students while I was a PhD student and postdoc.

## RELEVANT SKILLS AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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### Scuba Diving

AAUS Scientific Diver (NAUI Master Scuba Diver, PADI Rescue Diver):  
187 dives logged: from Central California, Lake Tahoe, British Columbia.

### Ship time: 268 days at sea.

Cruises took place in Monterey Bay, Point Conception, Norwegian fjords, the Strait of Georgia and Hecate Strait, British Columbia, and the Weddell Sea.

### Pedagogical Training

SJSU Purposeful Pivoting for Academic Continuity	2022
SJSU Teach Online Summer Certificate Program	2020
Facul-tea Pedagogy Quick Bites webinar: Bloom’s Revised Taxonomy	2020

National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity	
Teaching in No Time	2019
Core curriculum	2019

### **Boating**

California Boatings and Waterways Card with BoatUS boating safety training	2019
MLML Boating Safety Course (2-day classroom and practical course)	2019

### **Other Professional Development Training**

Diversifying the Ocean Community through Collaboration program	2022
SJSU University Grants Academy, training in grantsmanship	2021
Unlearning Racism in Geoscience, Monterey Bay Pod	2021

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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### **MLML Committees**

Dive Control Board, co-chair	2019-present
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, co-chair	2020-present
Curriculum Committee, member	2020-present
Small Boats Committee, member	2020-present
Technology Advisory Committee, member	2020-2022
Animal Care and Use Committee, member	2020-2021

### **University Service**

MLML Scholarship adjudication committee	2021
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### **Peer Review**

- Grant reviewer, CSU COAST
- Journal manuscripts reviewed for: Canadian Field Naturalist, Deep-Sea Research I, Deep-Sea Research II, Journal of Coastal Development, Journal of the Marine Biological Association of the United Kingdom, Limnology and Oceanography, Marine Ecology Progress Series, Marine Environmental Research, PLoS One, Progress in Oceanography, Scientific Reports, Sea Research, Systematics and Biodiversity.

### **Scientific Societies**

- Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology (SICB)
  - 2014–2017: Student/Postdoc Representative, SICB Division of Evolutionary and Developmental Biology.
- Society of Women in Marine Science (SWMS)
- American Academy of Underwater Scientists (AAUS)
- Association for the Sciences of Limnology and Oceanography (ASLO)
  - Co-organizer of the special session “Food Web Interactions and Trophic Linkages” at the Association for the Sciences of Limnology and Oceanography (ASLO) meeting, 2018.
- Vice President, External and Steering Committee for Canadian Ocean Awareness Student Network (COASStNet), a network of ocean sciences students in Canada, June 2013 – 2016.

### **Other service and outreach commitments**

- Interim Regional Co-Coordinator, NE Pacific Research Working Group for Challenger 150, a UN Ocean Decade program (2021-)

- Member, OceanVisions & MBARI Expert Working Group: Designing a Framework for Responsible Research to Evaluate CO<sub>2</sub> Removal and Environmental Effects of Sinking Marine Biomass (2021-)
- Science consultant/expert for sponge morphology for the Deep Sea exhibit development at the Monterey Bay Aquarium (2019-2021).
- Training talk about deep-sea biology to Teen Conservation Leaders, Monterey Bay Aquarium (July 2021)
- Faculty representative, Monterey Area Research Institutions' Network for Education (MARINE) (2021-present)
- Co-organizer of the special session “Food Web Interactions and Trophic Linkages” at the Association for the Sciences of Limnology and Oceanography (ASLO) meeting, 2018.
- Elections co-officer, Postdoctoral Fellows Association, University of Alberta. November 2016 – January 2017.
- Treasurer for the Moss Landing Marine Laboratories student body government in 2008.
- Member on the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) three years at CSU East Bay.
- Vice-President and president of Hayward Environmental Awareness Team (HEAT) environmental club at CSU East Bay.

## **OUTREACH ACTIVITIES**

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- Science mentor for the Monterey Bay Aquarium's Watsonville Area Teens Conserving Habitats (WATCH) program August 2018 – May 2019.
- Invited speaker for outreach/public engagement:
  - Invited speaker for the National Marine Sanctuaries' Deep-Sea Soiree (November 2021).
  - Aqua Tutus Diving Club, “An Aqua Tutus Member's Journey: from being a diver to becoming a researcher studying the secret life of sponges”, June 2021.
  - Career panel at MLML, December 6, 2018.
  - Monterey Peninsula College Women in STEM club, November 15, 2018.
- Workshop organizer: “Fantastic Deep-Sea Beasts and Where to Find Them” at the Expanding Your Horizons STEM conference for middle-school aged girls interested in STEM careers. November 17, 2018.
- Public seminars given at the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute's Open House 2018. “The Secret Lives of Sponges: Not Just For Your Dirty Dishes!”
- “Ask a Marine Biologist” Organizer. Initiated contact with TELUS World of Science Edmonton, then organized, coordinated, led, and participated in outreach and public education in organized activities, beginning June 2013. Contact person: Vince Avery.
- Co-Founder and Administrator of “The Madrepornite”, a student-run blog for students from BMSC (<http://bmscblog.wordpress.com/>), June 2012 – May 2016.
- Volunteer with WISEST Choices conference. Encouraging 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls to pursue interests in science and technology. February 21-22, 2012.
- Wrote daily science outreach entries from an Antarctic cruise (<http://www.mbari.org/expeditions/Antarctic09/>).
- Interviews:



- The Accidental Geographer (podcast):  
<https://www.sjsu.edu/provost/communications/podcast/season-1/amanda-kahn.php>
- Blago's Round Table (podcast):  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vfRI1\\_8VX94](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vfRI1_8VX94) (Part 1),  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JVN32\\_LbXK0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JVN32_LbXK0) (Part 2)
- Shape of life (web page): <https://www.shapeoflife.org/news/featured-scientist/2021/10/11/amanda-kahn-assistant-professor-moss-landing-marine-laboratories>